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NOTE VERBALE DATED 7 JANUARY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF BELGIUM TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General and, with reference to the Secretary-General's note SC7C/8/91 of 16 December 1991, has the honour to inform him of the measures taken by Belgium in implementation of Security Council resolution 713 (1991) and 724 (1991).

At the bilateral level, Belgium suspended, as of 2 July 1991, the execution of already authorized exports of weapons, munitions and military equipment to Yugoslavia. As of that date, Belgium has applied a general embargo on all deliveries of weapons, munitions and military equipment to Yugoslavia, which means that any new request submitted for the export or transit of such matériel to that country is refused by the Belgian authorities.

Belgian laws and regulations are fully in conformity with the obligations set forth in Security Council resolution 713 (1991) and 724 (1991) and with previous decisions of the Council having mandatory force. The export of weapons and military matériel is subject to the provisions of the Law of 11 September 1962 concerning the import, export and transit of goods and of the Royal Order of Enforcement of 24 October 1962.

An embargo on weapons and military matériel was also decreed by the States members of the European Community on 5 July 1991. This decision was accompanied by an appeal to third countries to adopt a similar attitude of total restraint. In order to strengthen this general appeal, the Presidency of the European Community has officially approached the competent authorities in each of the 35 countries of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) and in all other countries that might be regarded as potential suppliers.

In this regard, the Permanent Representative of Belgium has the honour to refer to note verbale S/23359 of 3 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal concerning the implementation by States members of the European Community of an embargo on weapons for Yugoslavia.
